

The Chicago Chapter has a membership of over 300 adults and a large contingent of junior members. It issues a neat and attractive pin button upon which is depicted, in colors, a leaf and flower of the lotus (*Nelumbium luteum*). The button bears the legend "Help us save the wild-flowers, W. F. P. S." It was designed by Frederick Richardson, the delightful illustrator of children's story books. These buttons are sold to children of the city schools for two cents each, who, on purchasing, become junior members pledged to support the cause.

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REVIEWS

Murrill's Polypores

Three small and compact volumes have recently appeared on the Polyporaceae of North America. These volumes are supplementary to the volume on Northern Polypores which was reviewed in a recent number of *TORREYA*. Each volume, in addition to complete keys, contains descriptions of all of the species known to occur in the region covered in each respective case. The treatment of the Polypores known in different sections of the country in separate volumes is a convenient arrangement since it will enable the worker to locate the species in his own section of the country without being compelled to "wade" through the literature of the species which do not occur in his particular region and, from this point of view, the scheme is a great time-saving device. The three volumes which have recently appeared are as follows:

SOUTHERN POLYPORES*

This volume includes the species known to occur in the United States from North Carolina to Florida and west to Texas.

* Murrill, W. A. Southern Polypores. Pp. i-iv + 66. Privately published. January, 1915. Price in cloth, \$1.00 postpaid.

WESTERN POLYPORES*

Including the species known to occur on the Pacific Coast from California to Alaska.

TROPICAL POLYPORES†

Including species known to occur in Mexico, Central America, southern Florida, the West Indies, and the islands between North America and South America.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CLUB

MARCH 9, 1915

The meeting of March 9, 1915, was held at the American Museum of Natural History. President Harper presided. Twenty-four persons were present.

Professor W. L. Bray gave the lecture of the evening: "Some aspects of the New York State vegetation."

The speaker presented, with explanatory comments, part of a series of slides made from his own and other photographs showing various aspects of the vegetation of the state as determined by or identified with local edaphic conditions.

The point of view or method of treatment, which is to be more fully elaborated in a forthcoming bulletin, will be indicated by the following partial summary furnished by the speaker:

To get a properly magnified conception of the significance of the developmental history of vegetation one should begin by considering the terrain as it lay after the retreat of the last glacial invasion—a terrain naked of vegetation covering and characterized by features incident to glacial action which would profoundly influence the course of a subsequent conquest by vegetation; for example, the general covering of glacial deposits with such special features as moraines, drumlins, etc.; sand deposits upon the Adirondack relief; filled drainage channels such as the Conewango valley and the blocking of the outlet of

* Murrill, W. A. *Western Polypores*. Pp. i-iv + 36. Privately published. February, 1915. Price in cloth, \$1.00 postpaid.

† Murrill, W. A. *Tropical Polypores*. Pp. i-iv + 113. Privately published. March, 1915. Price in cloth, \$1.50 postpaid.